

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIM 1 (currently amended):

1. In a switching system for serving wireless customers, apparatus for temporarily suspending a connection from one leg of a conference connection, comprising:

means for temporarily disconnecting a mobile station connected to said leg, which sends a special indication, in response to receipt of said special indication;

means for making a record in said switching system of a port to which said leg was connected; and

means, responsive to receipt of said special indication, for detecting a request from said mobile station to be connected to another telecommunications station;

means for controlling establishment of a connection from said mobile station to said another telecommunications station; and

means for subsequently re-connecting said mobile station to said leg of said conference connection, using said record, in response to receipt of a re-connect request message.

CLAIM 2 (canceled)

CLAIM 3 (original):

3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said special indication and said re-connect request message comprise identical keyed characters.

CLAIM 4 (original):

4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said special indication comprises a dialed special code followed by a "send" code.

CLAIM 5 (currently amended):

5. In a switching system for serving wireless customers, apparatus for temporarily suspending a connection from one of said wireless customers, comprising:

means for temporarily disconnecting the one customer which sends a special indication from said connection, in response to receipt of said special indication from said one customer;

means for making a record in said switching system of a port to which said one customer was connected; and

means, responsive to receipt of said special indication, for detecting a request from said one customer to be connected to another telecommunications station;

means for controlling establishment of a connection from said one customer to said another telecommunications station; and

means for re-connecting said one customer to said connection from which said one customer was temporarily disconnected, using said record, in response to receipt of a re-connect message from said one customer.

CLAIM 6 (canceled)

CLAIM 7 (original):

7. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said special indication and said re-connect request message comprise identical keyed characters.

CLAIM 8 (original):

8. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said special indication comprises a dialed special code followed by a "send" code.

CLAIM 9 (currently amended):

9. In a switching system for serving wireless customers, a method of temporarily suspending a connection from one leg of a conference connection, comprising:

in response to a receipt of a special indication from a mobile station connected to said leg, disconnecting said mobile station from said conference connection;

making a record in said switching system of a port to which said leg was connected; and

responsive to receipt of said special indication, for detecting a request from said mobile station to be connected to another telecommunications station;

controlling establishment of a connection from said mobile station to said another telecommunications station; and

in response to receipt of a re-connect request message from said mobile station, re-connecting said mobile station to said leg of said conference connection using said record.

CLAIM 10 (canceled)

CLAIM 11 (original):

11. The method of Claim 9, wherein the step of receiving said special indication and the step of receiving a re-connect message, each comprise the step of receiving identical keyed characters.

CLAIM 12 (original):

12. The method of Claim 9, wherein the step of receiving said special indication comprises the step of receiving a dialed special code, followed by a "send" code.

CLAIM 13 (currently amended):

13. In a switching system for serving wireless customers, a method for temporarily suspending a connection from one of said wireless customers, comprising the step steps of:

in response to receipt of a special indication from the one customer, temporarily disconnecting said one customer from said connection;

making a record in said switching system of a port to which said one customer was connected; and

responsive to receipt of said special indication, for detecting a request from said mobile station to be connected to another telecommunications station;

controlling establishment of a connection from said mobile station to said another telecommunications station; and

in response to receipt of a re-connect message from said one customer, re-connecting said one customer to said connection, using said record.

CLAIM 14 (canceled)

CLAIM 15 (original):

15. The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of receiving said indication from said one customer and the step of receiving said re-connect message, each comprise the step of receiving identical keyed characters.

CLAIM 16 (original):

16. The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of receiving said special dialed indication, comprises the step of receiving a dialed special code, followed by a "send" code.